



## **An Orthodox icon-painting course launched in Pattaya, Thailand**

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A course on icon-painting has been opened in the church of All Saints in Pattaya, Thailand. Among those who are interested in painting icons are Thai and Lao people. The teacher of the course, Roman Bychkov, gives special attention to the locals who show artistic abilities, the official website of the Orthodox Church in Thailand has reported.

The Russian Parish of All Saints in Pattaya was established in 2008. In December 2009, Archbishop Hilarion of Volokolamsk (now metropolitan), head of the Moscow Patriarchate's department for external church relations, performed the Great Consecration of the church. The parish is served by Archimandrite Oleg (Cherepanin), rector of St. Nicholas's in Bangkok, and Rev. Daniel Vann.

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